UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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JEFF SCHMIDT,	
Plaintiff,	
-against-	Civil Action No.:
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS,	
Defendant.	
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, Defendant American Institute of Physics ("AIP"), invokes the jurisdiction of this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332 and 1441, and states the following as grounds for removal of this case from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia:

- 1. An action was instituted, on or about May 30, 2003, by Plaintiff Jeff Schmidt in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and is now pending therein. (Case No. 03-0004443). True and correct copies of the complaint and related papers are attached as Exhibit A.
- 2. There have been no pleadings, process or orders served on Defendant within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) other than those attached hereto.
- 3. On July 22, 2003, Defendant was served with a Summons and a copy of the Complaint.
- 4. The Complaint asserts claims under 42 U.S.C. §1983 and a variety of state law and/or common law claims.

- 5. Defendant has not served an answer or responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 6. Defendant has not made any appearance or argument before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.
- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, this Court has original jurisdiction in this action based on the federal claims raised by Plaintiff's Complaint. Consequently, this action may be removed to this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1441.
- 8. In addition, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, this Court has original jurisdiction in this action because there is complete diversity between the parties and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. Diversity is established by Plaintiff's own allegation, to wit, Plaintiff alleges in the Complaint that he is a citizen of the District of Columbia. Defendant AIP is a citizen of New York, which is the state of its incorporation, and a citizen of Maryland, where its principal place of business is located at One Physics Ellipse, College Park, Maryland 20740-3843. Plaintiff's Complaint seeks \$4,000,000 in damages. Consequently, this action may be removed to this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1441.
- 9. Defendant submits this Notice of Removal without waiving any defenses to the claims asserted by Plaintiff in the complaint or conceding that Plaintiff has asserted claims upon which relief can be granted.
- 10. This Notice is filed with this Court within thirty (30) days after Defendant received a copy of the Complaint upon which this action is based and before any proceedings were had thereupon in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.
- 11. Contemporaneously with this filing, Defendant also is filing a Notice of Filing of Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia,

and is giving written notice of this removal to Plaintiff by serving a copy on Plaintiff, who is proceeding herein *pro se*.

WHEREFORE, Defendant requests that this action be removed from the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Dated: August 8, 2003

JACKSON LEWIS LLP

Attorneys for Defendant 8614 Westwood Center Drive Suite 950 Vienna, Virginia 22182

Telephone: 703-821-2189 Facsimile: 703-821-2267

By:

Wendy J. Mellk

(pro hac vice admission to be made)

Teresa Burke Wright

(DC Bar No. 429196)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 8th day of August, 2003, I caused a true and correct copy of the enclosed *Notice of Removal* to be served upon the following party, via First-Class Mail, by depositing said copy into an official U.S. Postal Service depository addressed as follows:

JEFF SCHMIDT 3003 Van Ness Street, NW #W406 Washington, DC 20008 PLAINTIFF PRO SE

Teresa Burke Wright

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia CIVIL DIVISION

500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Room JM-170 Washington, D.C. 20001 Telephone: 879-1133

Jeff Schmidt 3003 Van Ness Street NW# W406 Weshington, DC 20008

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American Institute of Physics One Physics Ellipse Callege Park, MD 20740 Defendant

Agent: The Corporation Trust Incorporated 300 East Lombord Street Baltimore, MD 21202 SUMMONS

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summened and required to serve an Answer to the attached Complaint, either personally or through an attorney, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you are being sued as an officer or agency of the United States Government or the District of Columbia Government, you have sixty (60) days after service of this summons to serve your Answer. A copy of the Answer must be mailed to the attorney for the party plaintiff who is suing you. The attorney's name and address appear below. If plaintiff has no attorney, a copy of the Answer must be mailed to the plaintiff at the address stated on this Summons.

You are also required to file the original Answer with the Court in Room JM 170 at 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays or between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays. You may file the original Answer with the Court either before you serve a copy of the Answer on the plaintiff or within five (5) days after you have served the plaintiff. If you fail to file an Answer, judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Clerk of the Court

Civil Action No.

an Ness Street NW# W406

202-537-3645

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIVIL DIVISION

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Defendant.

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COMPLAINT

1. Jurisdiction of this court is founded on D.C. Code Annotated, 1973 edition, as amended, Sec. 11-921.

Facts

- 2. Plaintiff, Jeff Schmidt, is and was at all times relevant to this complaint, a resident of the District of Columbia.
- 3. Defendant, American Institute of Physics, is and was at all times relevant to this complaint, headquartered in College Fark, Maryland, Prince Georges County, with an office in the District of Columbia. Defendant does business in the District of Columbia.
- 4. Defendant is a physics publishing organization affiliated with the University of Maryland, a state institution. Defendant, in its normal course of business, in its actions affecting Plaintiff, and at all times relevant to this complaint, acted under color of state law.
- 5. Plaintiff has a PhD in physics and was employed by Defendant for 19 years, from March 17, 1981, through May 31, 2000, as a science editor.
- 6. During the course of Plaintiff's employment, Plaintiff and Defendant entered into an employment contract that eliminated any at-will employment relationship between the parties.
- 7. Defendant expressly agreed that Plaintiff's employment was not at-will, and the terms of the modified employer/employee contract between the parties were reiterated by Defendant on numerous occasions, both in writing and orally.
- 6. The contract granted Plaintiff the right of free expression and advocacy, and further promised that job security would be based on work performance. The contract also specified the work that Plaintiff would do and the compensation that Plaintiff would receive in zeturn.
- 9. Plaintiff reasonably but detrimentally relied on said written and verbal terms of employment.
- 10. At all times, Plaintiff exceeded the contract's performance requirements.

ii. Nevertheless. Defendant took extreme repressive measures against Plaintiff, including termination of Plaintiff's employment, in recaliation for the expression and advocacy granted and protected by the contract. Defendant acted without notice and without giving Plaintiff the opportunity to be heard.

First cause of action -- Breach of Contract

- 12. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 above.
- 13. On May 31, 2000, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment in breach of the contract and took other actions in breach of the contract. Defendant acted without notice and without giving Plaintiff the opportunity to be heard.
- 14. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff incurs both actual and potential damages, the nature and extent of which cannot be determined with certainty at the time of this filing.

Wherefore, Plaintiff domands judgment against Defendant as follows:
A. That Plaintiff be reinstated to his position of employment.
B. That Plaintiff be awarded \$4,000,000 in compensatory and punitive damages, including, but not limited to, damages for loss of past and future salary.

Plaintiff further requests costs and expenses incurred in this action, and any such further relief as the court deems proper.

Second cause of action -- Breach of Oral Contract

- 15. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 14 above.
- 16. As alleged in paragraph 7, Defendant entered into an oral contract with Plaintiff wherein Defendant agreed that Plaintiff's employment was not at-will, and the terms of the modified employer/employee contract between the parties were reiterated by Defendant on numerous occasions, both in writing and orally.
- 17. On May 31, 2000, Defendant terminated Plaintiff's employment in breach of said oral agreement and took other actions in breach of said oral agreement.
- 18. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff incurs both actual and potential damages, the nature and extent of which cannot be determined with certainty at the time of this filing.

Wherefore, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:

A. That Plaintiff be reinstated to his position of employment.

B. That Plaintiff be awarded \$4,000,000 in compensatory and punitive damages, including, but not limited to, damages for loss of past and future salary.

Flaintiff further requests costs and expenses incurred in this action, and any such further relief as the court deems proper.

Third cause of action -- Detrizental Reliance

- 19. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 18 above.
- 20. As alleged in paragraphs 6, 7, and 8, Defendant made certain promises to Plaintiff, including but not limited to the right of free expression and advocacy, and basing job security on work performance.

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- 21. As alleged in paragraph 9, Plaintiff reasonably relied on the written and oral terms of employment promised by Defendant. In making these promises to plaintiff, Defendant knew or should have known that these promises would induce plaintiff to rely on these promises, continue active employment, and forego other options and opportunities.
- 22. Plaintiff reasonably relied on said promises, to his detriment.
- 23. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff incurs both actual and potential damages, the nature and extent of which cannot be determined with certainty at the time of this filing.

Wherefore, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:
A. That Plaintiff be reinstated to his position of employment.
B. That Plaintiff be awarded \$4,000,000 in compensatory and punitive damages, including, but not limited to, damages for loss of past and future salary.

Plaintiff further requests costs and expenses incurred in this action, and any such further relief as the court does proper.

Fourth cause of action -- 42 U.S.C. \$ 1983

- 24. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every silegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 23 above.
- 25. As alleged in paragraphs 4 and 11, Defendant acted under color of state law in taking repressive measures against Plaintlff and depriving Plaintlff of the right of free expression.
- 26. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff incurs both actual and potential damages, the nature and extent of which cannot be determined with certainty at the time of this filing.

Wherefore, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:
A. That Plaintiff be reinstated to his position of employment.
B. That Plaintiff be awarded \$4,000,000 in compensatory and punitive damages, including, but not limited to, damages for loss of past and future salary.

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Fifth cause of action -- Breach of Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

- 27. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every sliegation contained in paragraphs I through 25 above.
- 20. The law implies a covenant of good faith and fair dealing in all contracts.
- 29. As alleged in paragraphs 6. 7, and 8, Defendant made certain promises to Plaintiff, including but not limited to the right of free expression and advocacy, and basing job security on work performance.
- 30. As alleged in paragraph 13, Defendant intentionally and in bad faith violated the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing with Plaintiff.
- 31. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff incurs both actual and potential damages, the nature and extent of which cannot be determined with certainty at the time of this filing.

Wherefore, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows: A. That Plaintiff be reinstated to his position of employment. B. That Plaintiff be awarded \$4,000,000 in compensatory and punitive damages, including, but not limited to, damages for loss of past and future salary.

Plaintiff further requests costs and expenses incurred in this action, and any such further relief as the court deems proper.

Sixth cause of action -- Violation of Due Process

- 32. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 31 above.
- 33. Defendant gave Plaintiff no notice or opportunity to respond to Desendant's allegations before acting against Plaintiff and depriving Plaintiff of rights such as the property right that Plaintiff had invested in his employment.
- 34. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff incurs both actual and potential damages, the nature and extent of which cannot be determined with certainty at the time of this filing.

Wherefore, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:
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Seventh cause of action -- Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

- 35. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs I through 34 above.
- 36. As alleged in paragraph 11, Defendant acted with the intent to inflict severe emotional distress upon the Plaintiff.
- 37. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff suffered severe emotional distress.
- 38. As a result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff incurs both actual and potential damages, the nature and extent of which cannot be determined with certainty at the time of this filing.

Wherefore, Flaintiff demands judgment against Defendant as follows:
A. That Plaintiff be reinstated to his position of employment.
B. That Plaintiff be awarded \$4,000,000 in compensatory and punitive damages.

Plaintiff further requests costs and expenses incurred in this action, and any such further relief as the court deems proper.

Plaintiff requests trial by jury.

Plaintiff's telephone number: 202-537-3645

District of Columbia

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Jeff Schmidt, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that the foregoing is a just and true statement of the amount owing by defendant to the plaintiff, exclusive of all set-offs and just grounds of defense.

(Plaintiff)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of May, 2003.

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My commission expires 10/14/2008

Receipt of Employee Handbook

I have received a copy of the AIP Employee Handbook and understand that I am responsible for becoming familiar with the policies described in it. I understand that the information contained in it represents management guidelines only which may be modified from time to time. This Hand. book is not a contract. I understand that neither the Handbook's policies nor any other representations made by a management representative, at the time of hire or at any time during employment, are to be interpreted as a contract between the Institute and any of its employees. I further understand that my employment is voluntarily entered into, that I am free to resign at any time and that AIP may terminate the employment relationship whenever it determines that it is in its' best interest to do so, and do so with or without notice or cause. I understand that I am employed at will

Signature Date

JEFF SCHMIDT

Employees Name (Printed)

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia Civil Division

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INITIAL ORDER

Pursuant to D.C. Code \$11-906 and District of Columbia Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure SUR Civ'') 40-1, it is hereby ORDERED as follows.

- (1) Iffrective this date, this case is assigned to the individual calendar designated below. All future filings in the case shall bear the calcodar number and judge's name beneath the case number in the caption. On filing any motion or paper related rhoroto, one copy (for the judge) must be delivered to the Clerk along with the original
- (2) Within 60 days of the filing of the complaint, plaintiff must file proof of serving on each defendant, copies or the Summons, the Complaint, and this Initial Order, and any General Order issued by the judge to whom the case is As to any defendant for whom such proof of service has not been filed, the Complaint will be dismissed surface projudice for want of prosecution unless the time for serving the defendant has been extended as provided in SER Ca 4(m)
- (3) Within 20 days of service as described above, except as otherwise noted in SCR Civ 12, each defendant must respond to the Complaint by filing an Answer or other responsive pleading. As to any defendant who has failed in so respond, a default and judgement will be entered unless the time to respond has been extended as provided in SCR Cax SScar
- (4) At the time and place noted below, all counsel and unrepresented parties shall appear before the assigned product at an Initial Scheduling and Scittlement Conference to discuss the possibilities of settlement and to establish a schedule for the completion of all proceedings, including, normally, either mediation, case evaluation, or arbitration Counsel shall discuss with their clients prior to the Conference whether the clients are agreeable to binding or nonbuilding arbitration. This order is the only notice that parties and counsel will receive concerning this Conference.
- (5) Upon advice that the date noted below is inconvenient for any party or counsel, the Civil Assignment Office (202) 879-1750 may continue the Conference once, with the consent of all parties, to either of the two sus coording Fridays. Requests must be made not less than six business days before the scheduling conference date. No other continuance of the Conference will be granted except upon motion for good cause shown

May 30, 2003

Chief Judge Rufus G King, III

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Initial conference in 9 30am 08/29/03

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August 8, 2003

VIA COURIER

Clerk of Court U.S. District Court For the District of Columbia 333 Constitution Avenue, NW Room 1225 Washington, DC 20001

Re: Jeff Schmidt v. American Institute of Physics

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing is the original and three (3) copies of a Civil Cover Sheet, Notice of Removal, Answer to Complaint and Certificate Pursuant to Local Rule 26.1 with regard to the above-captioned matter. Kindly return two date stamped copies of this document to me in the self-addressed envelope provided for that purpose. (The courier will return this envelope to our office.) Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch diskette containing a PDF version of the Civil Cover Sheet, Notice of Removal, Answer to Complaint and Certificate Pursuant to Local Rule 26.1. You will also find enclosed our firm check number 1792 in the amount of \$150.00 representing your fee for filing same. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

JACKSON LEWIS LLP

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Enclosures

cc:

Jeff Schmidt (w/encl.) Wendy Mellk (w/encl.)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDAN	ITS	
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(c) Attorney's (Firm Nam	e, Address, and Telephone Number)		Attorneys (If Kno	own)	
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